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1. "The radio station of the Budapest Police Headquarters makes regular broadcasts at night on 3.4 megacycles (72 m) and during the day on 4.4 megacycles (82 m). The night transmissions are on the air between 6 pm and 6 am. Regular broadcasts go on the air at 2, 3:30, 7, and 11 am and at 2, 4, 9, and 12 pm.
2. "The Budapest Police transmitting station is connected with the National News Central (Orszagos Hirkozpont) and is subordinated to and directly responsible to the Ministry of Interior, Public Security Section (Kozrendeszeti Focsoport). The transmitting station is located in Torokbalint, a suburb of Budapest. It is connected by a cable with the Ministry of Interior.
3. "The call signal of this transmitter is the letter 'Q' in Morse code. This used to be followed by the announcement (in Hungarian): 'Attention, this is the Budapest News Central'. Recently the announcement was changed to: 'This is the Budapest Central Radio Station'. The number of items to be broadcast is then indicated, together with the number of lines and groups of letters which will be transmitted. Before the actual transmission of news begins the names are listed of all stations to which the news is directed. Should the forthcoming transmission concern all of them, an announcement is made to this effect. In the text of the communication all code letters, or groups of letters, are repeated twice. When the broadcast is over, the 'end' is also repeated twice.
4. "Although every district police station in the provincial towns has a radio transmitter of its own, only neighbouring police districts communicate with each other directly. Otherwise, they communicate with the Budapest Central which then transmits the reports to the districts concerned.
5. "Before April 1951 the transmissions were given in normal language, but since then most of the announcements have been transmitted in code. Only names, localities and post office box numbers are given uncoded.

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